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SUBJECT: CABINDA SITUATION

REF: KINSHASA 4890

1. FLEC SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANTONIO EDUARDO SOZINHO CAME TO EMBASSY JUNE 13 WITH CABINDAN (UNNAMED) WHO WAS IN CABINDA DURING RECENT CONFLECT THERE. THIS MAN SAID MPLA HAD GOTTEN UPPER HAND IN CAPITAL BECAUSE PORTUGUESE ARMY HAD TRANSFERRED ALL ITS HEAVY WEAPONS TO ANGOLA AND WAS CONSEQUENTLY NO MATCH FOR WELL ARMED MPLA. LUANDA AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET RESPONDED WHEN HE LEFT TO CALL FROM PORTUGUESE MILITARY IN CABINDA FOR RETURN OF THIS HEAVY EQUIPMENT. HE ADDED THAT CABINDANS EXPECTED RENEWED OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING AMONG ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS IN ENCLAVE AT ANY TIME.

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2. SOZINHO WAS SOMEWHAT LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN LAST WEEK'S DELEGATION FROM FLEC (REF) AS TO SUPPORT OAU KAMPALA SUMMIT LIKELY TO GIVE TO CABINDAN SEPARATISM. HE SAID THAT IF SUPPORT BY MAJORITY OF OAU FAILS TO MATERIALIZE, FLEC WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE DATE (NOVEMBER 11) TO START MAJOR UPRISING IN CABINDA WITH FULL BACKING OF LOCAL POPULATION. HE UNDERTOOK TO CALL AT EMBASSY UPON RETURN FROM KAMPALA SUMMIT AT WHICH HE AND FLEC LEADER RANQUE FRANQUE PLAN TO BE PRESENT.

3. SOZINHO REPEATED EARLIER ASSURANCES ABOUT WESTERN ORIENTATION OF FLEC AND ITS HOSTILITY TO COMMUNISM AND TO NATIONALIZATION OF CABINDA GULF OIL INSTALLATIONS. EMBASSY LISTENED, AS USUAL, AND PROMISED TO REPORT TO WASHINGTON. HINTON

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